

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:764
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SETTING UP OF REFINERY IN BHATINDA
BHAN SINGH BHAURA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has submitted the detailed feasibility report regarding setting up of Refinery Project in Bhatinda in Punjab on December 26, 1997;
- (b) if so, the present status thereof;
- (c) the target date fixed for its completion; and
- (d) the funds allocated for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Government has permitted Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) to execute the 9 million metric tonnes per annum grass root Refinery Project along with associated facilities in Bhatinda (Punjab), through a 100% subsidiary company of HPCL, after tying up funding for the project. HPCL would induct a Joint Venture partner into the project, if so required, subsequently.
- (c) The project is likely to be completed by the year 2005.
- (d) The project is being implemented without any budgetary support from the Government.